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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipp

AFSOC Chief visits D-M

Chief Master Sgt. Jim Mowry, Air Force Special Operations Command command chief, visits Airmen of the 563rd Rescue Group Sunday and Monday. The Rescue Group has eight squadrons with more than 1,100 personnel, which includes five squadrons at Davis-Monthan and three at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Eagle Flag helps to prepare Airmen for deployment

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Eagle Flag exercise at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, New Jersey, prepares Airmen to deploy to forward locations. It teaches skills they need to deploy and giving them the opportunity to apply those skills.

Eagle Flag is similar to the Red Flag joint-service exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. It helps the Air Force's expeditionary combat support units, like logistics readiness squadrons and security forces squadrons, said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. While at Eagle Flag, Airmen are taught how to set up and break down a large tent city, manage logistical and support programs and establish perimeter security.

After the air base has been established, Airmen in each Air Force specialty code involved in the exercise are responsible for the base's development. For instance, the base infrastructure, such as civil engineers and chaplains, must be established and supported.

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D-M civilian helps environment, gets \$2,500 from magazine

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

An environmental engineer assigned to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron recently won \$2,500 from Good Housekeeping magazine.

The magazine's award for Women in Government recognized Karen Oden.

According to Good Housekeeping magazine, the women chosen for the award worked endless hours overcoming

huge hurdles to make big changes.

Ms. Oden said that Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, supported her decision to enter the magazine's contest.

A total of eight women were selected from more than 200 nomination packages for this year's awards.

"I was on a bike ride with my son, Alex, (when I) was contacted by Good Housekeeping Magazine on my cell phone," said Karen Oden. "I am fortunate to have a job that I really enjoy and find meaningful and challenging.

To be recognized for my effort is an honor."

Ms. Oden's experience in environmental engineering spans more than a decade toward improving the environment.

In 1991, having just completed her master's degree in environmental engineering, supplementing degrees in communications and geosciences, Ms. Oden took on the task of managing D-M's Installation Restoration Program, which deals with large scope pollution projects.

"I am responsible for identifying, investigating and restoring sites with a wide range of contaminants at an installation with a long and rich military history dating back to the 1930s," Ms. Oden said. "Most of the installation's environmental problems were caused by the base's early practices, which were not up to the high standards of today's environmental compliance techniques. Most wastes were buried or allowed to 'disappear'.

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The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,266.2	1,268.4	1,433.0	162nd OSB	1,579.9	1,706.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,785.8	1,770.7	2,039.4	354th FS	8,615.3	8,658.2	9,891.0
55th RQS	2,386.9	2,278.5	2,880.0	357th FS	7,270.0	7,405.9	8,966.0
79th RQS	1,362.0	1,301.1	1,680.0	358th FS	7,442.0	7,240.8	9,148.0

Desert Airman survey

The **Desert Airman** wants to know what the Desert Lightning Team thinks about the paper. Log on to, www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm to take the survey July 15 through Aug. 15. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Expectant mother parking

Concern: In my duty section there are multiple families who are expecting babies in the next five months. With the extreme heat we have in here, expectant mothers have a difficult time walking around especially at the Base Exchange and Commissary. Other bases have instituted expectant mother's parking spots located near the handicap spots. Each parking lot only had approximately two spots. This made it easier for mothers to get from the car to the building. Is this something that could be implemented here? Thanks a lot for your time.

Response: Thank you for your concern on how to better serve the D-M community. Reserved parking spots are closely controlled across the installation.

Civil Engineers follow Unified Facilities Criteria guidelines that have been established to help inform us what can and cannot be placed on this installation. Every facility has different parking needs, especially facilities with such high visibility as the BX and Commissary. The closest we can place reserved parking to the entrance of these facilities is approximately 70 yards for the BX and 50 yards for the Commissary due to the handicapped parking and previously installed reserve parking spots.

The Traffic Safety Board meets quarterly and looks for ways to improve the base traffic flow, parking and signage. They will consider your request at the next quarterly meeting scheduled for Aug. 10 and make a suggestion to the 355th Mission Support Group commander. Thanks again for your suggestion.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, speaks at his change of command ceremony last year. Thursday marked Col. Spencer's one-year anniversary as commander of the 355th Wing at Davis-Monthan.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the **Desert Airman**. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

101 Critical Days

Days are longer in summer, giving people more time to prepare for an upcoming sport season or enjoy various activities they didn't have time for.

However, jumping back into sporting activities after a period of inactivity can cause injuries.

Follow these steps before participating to reduce the chances of injury:

- ◆ Pace yourself; don't try to do too much too soon.
- ◆ Remember to warm-up and stretch at least five to 10 minutes before participating in a fitness activity.
- ◆ Remember that a previous injury makes you more likely to re-injure that particular area.
- ◆ Wearing jewelry is not recommended while participating in contact sports.
- ◆ Don't forget to hydrate and eat to decrease exposure-related illness.
- ◆ Wear all personal protection equipment, including helmet, pads or life vest while participating in the activity. Make sure all equipment to be used is in good condition and working order.

You may be athletic, but a sports-related injury will stop your training in its tracks.

(This information is courtesy of the 355th Wing Safety Office and Air Combat Command.)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 270 men and women of the 355th Security Forces Squadron have one of the most diverse force protection missions in the Air Force. The D-M 'Desert Defenders' provide worldwide force protection and security support, protecting local alert fighter operations, seven flying squadrons, eight tenant units from four major commands, 4,500 tactical and stored aircraft spread over 10,160 acres worth \$32 billion (more than any other Department of Defense agency).

Additionally, they provide police services for an 18,000-person base.

Senior Airman Maurice Smoke, 355th Security Forces Squadron, checks the identification of a member of the Desert Lightning Team at the Craycroft Road Gate.



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Airmen, civilians receive awards for 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base



Congratulations to the Davis-Monthan Airmen and civilians who received an award July 21 at the 2nd Quarterly Awards Ceremony.

The following individuals received 355th Wing level awards:

Field grade officer of the quarter:

Maj. Darrell Hubbard, 355th Operations Group

Company grade officer of the quarter:

1st Lt. Orlando Valles, 355th Maintenance Group

Senior NCO of the quarter:

Master Sgt. Richard Kerlavage, 355th Mission Support Group

NCO of the quarter:

Staff Sgt. Robert McMurtrie, 355th MSG

Airman of the quarter:

Airman 1st Class Michael Gump, 355th MXG

Senior civilian of the quarter:

Alicia Solorio, 355th Wing staff

Intermediate civilian of the quarter:

Mary Shepard, 355th wing staff and

Junior civilian of the quarter:

Loida Hagadorn, 355th Wing staff

The following individuals received Davis-Monthan Air Force Base level awards:

Company grade officer of the quarter:

Capt. Christopher Sheffield, 12th Air Force

Senior NCO of the quarter:

Sergeant Kerlavage

NCO of the quarter:

Sergeant McMurtrie

Airman of the quarter:

Airman Gump

Senior civilian of the quarter:

Ms. Solorio

Intermediate civilian of the quarter:

Shannon Christian, Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center; and

Junior civilian of the quarter

Ms. Hagadorn

Oden

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into the ground. Because of this, I am responsible for a variety of sites with contaminants as diverse as many types of jet fuel from a military airfield active for over 70 years, old landfills and burial sites dating back to World War II, range-oriented issues associated with buried bombs and unexploded ordnance."

"I am also a part of more recent incidents such as wreckage and environmental impacts from aircraft crashes on state and tribal lands," Ms. Oden said.

Through her experience, she has received other awards.

According to her nomination package for the award, Ms. Oden went to the Pentagon in 1996 to receive the Air Force Environmental Restoration Award for Individual Excellence.

Ms. Oden said another one of her high profile successes is the treatment and disposal of 23,000 tons of dross, a metal ash containing high levels of lead and other heavy metals resulting from smelting aircraft to recover aluminum in the 1940s and 1950s.

Although there is no way to know how many lives Ms. Oden's work has impacted, it is certain her commitment has made a difference in the health



Photo courtesy of Good Housekeeping magazine

Karen Oden, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer, receives an award from Good Housekeeping magazine June 15 in Washington D.C.

of the community and the preservation of the environment.

News Notes

Craycroft Road lane closure

Due to construction, northbound traffic is re-routed on Craycroft Road into the middle/left turn lane from north of Granite Street to just south of the entrance into Burger King. This prohibits left turns of northbound traffic into the service station and credit union. The lane is expected to remain closed through the first week of August.

Temporary road closure

As part of the new C-130 Squadron operations project, a portion of Herky Road is closed to all traffic until further notice. There is a detour through the 55th Electronic Combat Group parking lot for access to Building 140 and the Whiskey Ramp Entry Control Point. Detour signs will be installed to direct traffic around this work area. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Mary Rudy, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 228-2304.

DRMO turn-ins

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office turn-in is by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call DSN 228-8014 or commercial (520) 228-8014.

Optometry clinic

Due to decreased manning, optometry appointments are limited for those not empaneled at the Military Treatment Facility. If the individual's Primary Care Manager is off-base, ocular needs will be met via a network optometrist. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the optometry clinic at 228-2737.

New Mountain View Conference Center number

To book a conference or official function at the Mountain View Conference Center, contact Linda Lutz at 228-7822 or send a fax to 228-0954.

Borman Elementary registration

Borman Elementary's registration for new students is Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Class rosters and supply lists for returning students will be posted in the front office starting Aug. 8. The first day of school for students is Aug. 15. For more information, stop by or call 584-4600.

Terrorism history

July 31, 1978, an Al-Fatah terrorist seized the Iraqi embassy in Paris. As the man surrendered to police, Iraqi security guards opened fire, killing a French policeman and wounding the terrorist. French police returned the fire, killing one Iraqi.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Airman 1st Class Logan English, AADD scheduler, at 228-6674.

Call AADD at

850-2233

Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information regarding AADD, see the Web site <https://aadd> on the D-M intranet.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Airmen participating in Eagle Flag assemble a tent for sleeping quarters during the initial stages of Eagle Flag. Eagle Flag is an Air Force Chief of Staff-directed air expeditionary support exercise. The goal is to test the ability of Airmen to open and establish an air base to an initial operating capability for a forward operation, regardless of mission or aircraft type. The Air Mobility Warfare Center's 421st Training Squadron, located at Fort Dix, N.J., is the lead agency for conducting the exercise.

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Once it has been set up and established, Airmen must successfully defend and operate the air base for several days.

While Eagle Flag is just an exercise, it shows Airmen how to operate in the field.

"Now that I've completed my first deployment, I was shocked to think of how many Eagle Flag scenarios became real world obstacles in the (area of responsibility)," said Capt. DeJon Redd, 355th Wing Public Affairs. "The training I (received) at Eagle Flag had a direct and significant impact on my ability to contribute to the mission. The training environment at Eagle Flag raised my comfort level such that when it mattered, I was able to execute."

Eagle Flag benefits Airmen in more ways than its intended objectives.

"I saw and worked with many people in the AOR that I trained with at Eagle Flag," Captain Redd said. "The relationships built on that muddy field in New Jersey proved an invaluable resource in the deployed environment when the importance of the mission can't be understated."

Eagle Flag began in October 2003 and it takes place several times a year. Each exercise lasts about a week and is aligned with Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycles, allowing Airmen the opportunity to practice skills and apply them with Airmen they may deploy with.



Top: Maj. Jeffrey Sorrell, 355th Communications Squadron commander, along with other Airmen from other bases, process through customs as they arrive in Chimaera. Chimaera is the fictional country used in the exercise Eagle Flag.

Left: Master Sgt. Robert Eisler from the 51st Combat Communication Squadron at Warner-Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia gets his miles gear activated from exercise controller Tech. Sgt. Kerry Page, 421 Combat Training Squadron, as he enters Eagle Flag 0506 July 24.

Actions of misconduct may result in more than injury, death

Airmen who choose not to practice operational risk management may be held responsible for all costs, family members may lose military benefits

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

If the risk of injury or even death does not keep individuals away from dangerous situations during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, then maybe the thought of losing money will.

That is because the Air Force conducts a line-of-duty investigation to determine if an Airman's misconduct led to their injury or death.

"When an Airman is injured or killed while off-duty, their medical bills are paid and benefits are given to dependents in almost all situations," said Maj. Graeme Henderson, 355th Wing assistant staff judge advocate.

The complication comes when an Airman, through their own misconduct, contributes to or causes the injury.

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2910, a servicemember who dies or sustains an illness, injury or disease either while absent from duty, or due to his or her own misconduct, stands to lose substantial government benefits. An LOD determination is a finding made after an investigation

into the circumstances of a member's illness, injury, disease or death.

The finding concludes whether or not the illness, injury or disease existed prior to service and if an EPTS condition was aggravated by military service; whether or not the illness, injury, disease or death occurred while the member was absent from duty; and whether or not the illness, injury, disease or death was due to the member's own misconduct.

The potential implication for someone who is injured is that they may receive limited benefits, Major Henderson said. "If someone is killed, their family will not receive the initial annuity."

While the AFI details a variety of items an LOD determination may impact from disability retirement to survivor benefit plan, the basic result is the loss of funds for Airmen or the family they leave behind.

An LOD is required in four cases: When a disease or injury results in an Airman's inability to perform military duties for more than 24 hours, if there is a likelihood of a permanent disability, in the event of a death or if medical treatment is required for reserve members.

If an injury, illness, death or disability occurs after participating in illegal activities like drug use, driving while intoxicated or impaired by drugs, or not using proper protective gear, the result may be a not-in-line-of-duty determination.

However, there are no specific rules to determine the results of an investigation.

"The determination of an LOD is not objective but based on the circumstances of conduct as determined by the investigating officer," Major Henderson said. "During the process, actions that were illegal, like drinking and driving or not wearing a seat belt, are not necessarily automatically considered not-in-line-of-duty but they can be a strong factor."

Instead of focusing on specific rules of engagement, Airmen should focus on safe conduct.

"When making decisions on how to conduct yourself, particularly when the action is illegal or seems dangerous, consider what would happen to you or your family if an injury were to occur as a result and the injury was determined to be not-in-line-of-duty," Major Henderson said.

According to AFI 36-2910, an LOD determination is not to be used as disciplinary action. The LOD determination is separate and distinct from judicial processes or other disciplinary actions.

Instead, according to the AFI, the LOD determination protects the interests of both the member and the United States government.

"The Air Force has a vested interest in keeping Airmen fit for duty despite the activities they may participate in during their off-time," Major Henderson said.

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled for the period of July 9 through 23.

Civil incarceration

The Pima County Jail notified the Security Forces Control Center that a staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was incarcerated for disorderly conduct.

Civil incarceration

Tucson Police incarcerated an airman first class assigned to the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron for domestic violence with minor injuries.

Domestic violence

A non-military affiliated visitor notified the SFCC of a domestic disturbance. Security forces investigation revealed an airman first class assigned to the 355th Communications Squadron had assaulted his spouse resulting in minor injuries.

Tucson Police responded and arrested the airman for domestic violence.

Driving under the influence: civilian

A security forces police unit stopped a vehicle operator at the bowling alley parking lot for erratic driving. Investigation revealed the subject had an odor of alcohol and slurred speech. Security forces and Tucson Police attempted to conduct field sobriety tests, but the subject refused. She was arrested by TPD and transported to Pima County Jail for processing. The vehicle was towed off the installation.

Minor vehicle accident pov/gov/hit and run

A staff sergeant notified the SFCC of a hit and run accident at Building 131. Security forces investigation revealed a staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron was operating her vehicle and struck the vehicle of a staff sergeant assigned to the 755th Operations Support Squadron. She departed the scene with-

out notifying security forces or the owner of the damaged vehicle.

Shoplifting

An Army and Air Force Exchange Services store detective notified the SFCC they had detained three female dependents for shoplifting. Investigation revealed the store detective observed the three subjects conceal jewelry and clothes and attempt to depart the main exchange without rendering payment. The subjects were detained and cited by Tucson Police for shoplifting.

Theft/damage personal property

A dependent of an Army sergeant first class notified the SFCC their residence had been burglarized. Investigation revealed the sergeant and his spouse had returned from leave and discovered the individual they had sponsored onto the installation to care for their house had stolen property and damaged the residence. Investigation is on going with security forces and Tucson Police.


 <p>JDRF Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International dedicated to finding a cure.</p>	<p>Juvenile Diabetes affects millions and causes long-term complications like blindness and kidney failure. Not to mention pain and worry no kid should have to live with. But we're closer than ever to a cure. Your help makes life-saving research possible. Call 1.800.533.CURE or visit www.jdrf.org.</p> <p>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International A CFC Participant. Provided as a public service.</p>
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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Edward Oslica

Members of the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron hand out tennis shoes and linen to local Iraqi villagers. Humanitarian missions are just one aspect of the 332nd ESFS mission at Balad Air Base. The villagers rush the convoys on these missions, the Airmen have found a good sense of humor can help control the crowds.

Defending Balad involves multilayered security front

By Master Sgt. Kelly Mixson
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Defending the forces stationed at Balad Air Base involves more than the standard multilayered security approach of posting patrols, manning security posts, looking for and identifying improvised explosive devices, responding to mortar attacks and suppressing various threats. It also involves making friends in the neighborhood, according to the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron here.

Air Force security forces protecting the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing learned quickly when they went out on their first humanitarian mission that the locals are in desperate need of basic items like shoes, linen, towels and toiletry items. They also learned that these humanitarian missions opened access to areas they needed to secure the base.

Technical Sgt. Edward Oslica, 332nd ESFS non-commissioned officer in charge, explained that when they go out on these missions, the kids in the neighborhood will rush the convoys. He said it can be a bit chaotic but “we quickly learned how to manage the situation.”

The solution they came up with was old-fashioned humor.

“One time we went out and two of the kids had bicycles,” Tech. Sgt. Jeff Bradley, a patrolman deployed from Davis-Monthan, explained. “I like to ride bikes and one of the kids offered to race. So the other let me borrow his bike and we set up a drag race. The kids liked it so much, we ended up racing a lot of the kids — it was fun.”

Meanwhile, the convoy was able to pass out tennis shoes and linen to the villagers in an orderly fashion, according to Sergeant Oslica.

Meeting the needs of the Iraqi people, the

332nd ESFS has conducted two humanitarian relief operations, dubbed “Operation Sole Train.” These operations have distributed 3,000 pairs of shoes and 2,000 pounds of relief supplies to four local villages.

The squadron’s primary mission is to detect and defeat insurgents trying to infiltrate the air base and to support the Army with the defense of Logistical Support Area Anaconda. Toward this effort, the 332nd ESFS maintains and operates a system of sensors and cameras throughout the installation.

“These security zones are supported by a series of entry control points to allow only authorized personnel into our wing’s security zones,” Sergeant Oslica said.

These defenders operate in concert with the LSA Anaconda base defense forces to counter enemy vehicle borne explosive devices and infiltrators, and respond to mortar and rocket attacks.

“These men and women respond to put themselves between our fellow Airmen and the threat to ensure the wing’s mission is a success,” Sergeant Oslica said. “One of the best examples was during a recent mortar attack where security forces ran to impact sites and rendered first aid to injured Airmen while gathering information needed to direct air assets towards the mortar launch point.”

“Jointly, our defenses are integrated with Army at the Joint Defense Operation Center,” he said, “which the Army and Air Force defense capabilities are side by side taking advantage of the strengths of each service. The 332nd ESFS augments this capability with an extensive system of cameras and ground surveillance radars that help detect and respond to insurgents attacking us from outside the installation.”

These threats are identified and passed to Army units responsible for defeating the insurgency outside the installation.

“This system has saved lives by working with the Army as a team to detect and detain insurgent suspects leaving the site of a mortar launch point, as well as detecting and collecting evidence against a major insurgent leader carrying out IED attacks on roads leading to the installation,” said Maj. Gregory Reese, 332nd ESFS commander.

“Without the Airmen from the 332nd ESFS bringing these capabilities to the close defense fight for Balad Air Base and LSA Anaconda, these suspects would still be at large, killing and injuring our fellow Airmen and Soldiers,” he said.

On another front, the men and women of the security forces also help make Balad Air Base a safer place by operating a small unmanned aerial vehicle that puts Air Force eyes on target in the locations the enemy is likely to launch a mortar attack from.

In 2005, the UAV helped keep polling places for the Iraqi election under constant surveillance as well as detecting an insurgent emplacing an IED. The information was forwarded up the chain of command and the insurgent was killed by a combination of Army and Air Force units.

Red-Tail defenders have conducted frequent combat patrols to deter, detect and defeat insurgents in the base security zone. To date, the 332nd ESFS has located three insurgent weapons caches and conducted joint raids with the Army and Air Force Office of Special Investigation agents to capture insurgent leaders.

Next time you come through an entry control point or pass by a 332nd ESFS patrol, realize you are only seeing one part of a vast network to help make the Air Force mission at Balad a success.

Eagle Eyes

Air Force aims to raise awareness outside D-M fence lines

By Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs

An anti-terrorism initiative issued from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations aims to help Airmen and citizens work together to help stop possible terrorists.

The program, called Eagle Eyes, helps prevent terrorism by encouraging and enabling Air Force members and citizens to report any terrorist planning activities they observe. The program is designed to allow rapid follow-up investigations and information sharing with other levels of command and law-enforcement agencies.

"Terrorism is always preceded by planning steps, and those steps are observable if you know what to look for," said Special Agent Mike Smythe, OSI Detachment 217 homeland security threat and investigative issues special agent. "This program seeks to educate the masses, both off and on base, on what those activities are, and then what to do if you see something suspicious."

Eagle Eyes officially came to life April 18, 2002, when Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, signed a memo endorsing the pro-

gram. Eagle Eyes was adapted to encourage Airmen to stay vigilant after Sept. 11, 2001.

"Security forces are full partners in this initiative," Special Agent Smythe said. "Their participation is crucial to making this work at the installation level."

While local reporting processes may differ slightly, in most cases people will report suspicious activity to their security forces desk.

"Security forces squadrons have the advantage of being manned 24-hours a day, all year round, so there's never a time that a person couldn't report a suspicious activity to them," Special Agent Smythe said. "Once a call comes in, security forces will notify the local OSI detachment right away to investigate, and depending on what the nature of the call is, they can respond to the situation immediately if that's what's called for."

Widespread promotion of the program is critical to its success, Special Agent Smyth said.

"Our agents can't be everywhere, and neither can the security forces personnel, so we're enlisting the eyes and ears of everybody," Special Agent Smythe said. "We're saying, 'You

know best what does or doesn't belong in your neighborhood, in your work area, on your drive to work, so you'll be able to spot something that doesn't quite look right and phone it in.'"

Special Agent Smythe identified seven categories of suspicious activities that warrant reporting:

- ◆ **Surveillance.** Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing of diagrams, annotating on maps or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

- ◆ **Elicitation.** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

- ◆ **Tests of security.** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

- ◆ **Acquiring supplies.** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons or ammunition. This also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or

the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

- ◆ **Suspicious persons out of place.** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

- ◆ **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

- ◆ **Deploying assets:** People and supplies moving into position to commit an act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

In addition to investigating each report, OSI detachments will share the information with their "watch team" at OSI headquarters, Special Agent Smyth said.

Together, D-M and the Tucson community can help stop terrorist activities.

Avoid DUIs for selfish reasons

By Lt. Col. Matthew Flood
435th Munitions Squadron

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — You have all seen the commercials warning about the dangers of drunk driving. You also have probably heard numerous testimonials from Airmen who drove their vehicles after drinking too much, only to meet some tragic end. You may have even taken the time to read an article such as this, that warns of the dangers of drunk driving.

But, do these messages affect the behavior of the intended audience?

The Air Force has expended tremendous resources devising “user friendly” and “foolproof” plans to help Airmen make the right decision when it comes to drinking and driving. We have Combat Wingman, Airmen Against Drunk Driving and free non-alcoholic drinks for designated drivers, just to mention a few. Unfortunately, in spite of all the programs and services available, there is still a small percentage of people who will drink and drive.

So, when it came time for me to develop a DUI briefing, I struggled with what I could possibly say to convince people not to become a statistic. I initially tried an appeal to an Airman’s conscience. I pointed out the increased burden being placed on his co-workers to pick up his slack while he attends the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program and

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435th Munitions Squadron commander

legal office appointments. Because the Airman will no longer have a driver’s license, he may not be able to do his primary job, requiring an increased work load on his peers. He won’t be able to get to work without assistance, so again co-workers will have to shoulder the burden. Finally, there is the loss of a goal day for the entire squadron. A day that should be spent with family and friends or just relaxing from the high operational tempo will now be spent working.

I felt it would be patently obvious to everyone that a foolish and selfish decision that resulted in a DUI affects many more people than just the guilty party.

Then it dawned on me. Some of these DUI offenders aren’t altruistic. Maybe they aren’t

concerned about inconveniencing others.

So I set out to re-attack the problem. My first sergeant came up with some figures on what a DUI actually costs a senior airman.

The most common punishment for a DUI here is an Article 15, loss of a stripe, some additional duty and possibly a monetary garnishment. As painful as that sounds, it is only the tip of the iceberg.

Because of the loss of rank, the member will receive less base pay, less cost-of-living allowance and won’t get promoted to staff sergeant with his peers. During that promotion delay, the Airman will lose more than \$10,000 in direct compensation. These costs don’t even take into account the incessant taxi fares required to get anywhere. When the Airman is able to drive again, auto insurance will cost, on average, an additional \$4,000 per year.

Worse yet, since lost time can not be made up, the effects of reduced earnings will escalate with time and be felt for an entire career. For NCOs and officers, the costs are even greater. And for those who don’t plan to make the Air Force a career, a DUI conviction will follow them into the civilian world. A DUI will make them an unattractive candidate for most jobs and outright ineligible for some.

The monetary cost of a DUI for military personnel is sobering; or at least it should be.

From a purely selfish viewpoint, drinking and driving doesn’t make much sense.

Davis-Monthan offers base community chances to volunteer

Opportunities to work with 4-H

There are many opportunities open to volunteers both on- and off-base. Anyone interested in volunteering on-base can call Kathy Sands at the Youth Center at 228-8373. Volunteer opportunities off-base can include one-time volunteer opportunities to long-term volunteer leadership positions. For more information, call Curt Peters at 628-5161.

Mobile Meals gives homebound help

Mobile Meals of Tucson is a private, non-profit organization that delivers special-diet meals to the homebound. The Desert Lightning Community delivers lunches every Tuesday and Wednesday. The route starts at 11:00 a.m. and lasts about an hour. Volunteers should e-mail Nikesha Perryman at nikesha.perryman@dm.af.mil.

Final Answer

What makes a good NCO?



**Airman 1st Class
Stephanie Schneider**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

"A good NCO will take time out of their schedule to help out their Airmen."



**Senior Airman
Sheree Williams**
12th Air Force

"A good NCO has respect and follows the three core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all they do."



**Airman 1st Class
Dan Work**
612th Air
Intelligence Squadron

"A good NCO is capable of relating to Airmen on the levels they're working on."



**Maj.
Karl Schwehm**
755th Operations
Support Squadron

"A good NCO has leadership abilities, respect from his peers, is good at his job and continues to strive to be the best."



**Capt.
Jeff Frantz**
43rd Electronic Combat
Squadron

"A good NCO cares about the people he or she is responsible for."



**Staff Sgt.
Jennette Marshall**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

"A good NCO is a leader as well as a follower and is willing to take initiative. They don't forget where they came from as an Airman and are willing to do anything they ask their Airmen to do."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Col. Mark Koechle, 355th Operations Group commander (right), congratulates Lt. Col. Rick Johnson, 612th Combat Plans Squadron, for logging 3,000 flying hours in the A-10.

'Congratulations!'

Lt. Col. Rick Johnson, 612th Combat Plans Squadron, logged 3,000 flying hours July 19. With an average flight time of 1.7 hours, Colonel Johnson has logged about 1,750 sorties.

According to Davis-Monthan flight records, of 156 pilots stationed here, only eight have more than 3,000 hours in the A-10. Only two have more than 4,000 hours flying time in the A-10.

CDCs 90s Club

Most career fields in the Air Force have Career Development Courses, which have an end-of-course exam requirement to achieve higher skill levels.

While Airmen must score a 65 percent or above, many Airmen go above and beyond to score 90 or above on their exams.

Congratulations to these Airmen who scored 90 or better for the month of June:

25th Operational Weather Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Mark Knutson, Airman 1st Class Michael Ororke, Airman 1st Class Joseph Ritter and Airman 1st Class Brandon Schmitt;

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Ronald Mathews;

355th Civil Engineer Squadron:

Airman 1st Class Kenneth Setty;

355th Component Maintenance Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Kelly Heflin;

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:

Airman 1st Class David Hsu, Airman Marc Keating and Airman Jason Truskowski;

355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:

Airman Pierre Lemieux;

563rd Maintenance Squadron:

Staff Sgt. David Degolier and Airman Victor Ortega;

612th Air Communications Squadron:

Airman Robert Struck; and

755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:

Staff Sgt. Matthew Sealy.



Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hurt of Detachment 11, 372nd Training Squadron. Sergeant Hurt is a life support technician. According to his commander, Capt. Ricardo Cisneros, he was nominated for the spotlight because he, "constantly receives great student course critiques and is always eager to tackle any problems or situations that might come up. He is exactly what you would expect from a future (senior) NCO."

The following are Sergeant Hurt's responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force? I joined the Air Force to serve my country.

What has been your best assignment and why? My best assignment was Iceland. I met some great people and had a great combat search and rescue mission. Also, it gave my wife the opportunity to work at home raising our children while going to school full time.

Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why: I admire my wife Jill. I have never met anyone with such willpower. She is the hardest working, most



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

liked and thoughtful person I know. Just knowing her makes me a better person.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Learn your job and then learn your bosses' job.



Courtesy photo

Honoring the colors

Boy Scout 2nd Class Sean Corlett, son of Vicki and Master Sgt. Steve Corlett, Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (front right), folds the flag during a retreat ceremony at Scout summer camp. Boy Scouts must demonstrate their knowledge by leading a flag ceremony and instructing others before they can achieve Boy Scout 2nd Class.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Staff Sgt. Luis Celaya (left) and Airman 1st Class Charles Harris (right) salute the flag as Airman 1st Class Christian Webb (left) and Airman 1st Class Joshua Woodson (right) practice folding the flag at Heritage Park at Davis-Monthan. The four Airmen are members of D-M's Honor Guard.

Airmen put 'Honor' in honor guard

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan Honor Guard is a high-profile part of Davis-Monthan and can be seen at base and community events, sporting events, changes-of-command, retirements and award ceremonies.

"Our area of responsibility covers eight counties, consisting of 49,672 square miles, with an estimated populous of 1,488,730 as of last census," said Staff Sgt. Michael Vause, NCO in charge of the Davis-Monthan Honor Guard. "Last year we performed 598 details in Southern and Eastern Arizona."

Because the honor guard is visible and high-profile, Airmen spend much of their time practicing.

"Honor guard members go through a rigorous training program of more than 80 hours," Sergeant Vause said. "Training includes flag folding, colors presentation, firing party, body bearers and other (honor guard)- type ceremonies. We never really stop training."

Airmen serving in the honor guard must volunteer. Airman 1st Class Christian Webb, Davis-Monthan Elite Honor Guard said being a part of the honor guard takes commitment and dedication.

"It makes me very proud to be a member of the honor guard and wear the uniform on a daily basis and it gives me a great sense of pride to represent our Air Force and great country," he said.

"You work a lot of evenings, weekends and holidays," Sergeant Vause said. "We don't get three-day weekends off and you're almost guaranteed to work at least one (day a weekend). We get the big holidays off, but there are those occasions when we've done a funeral on Christmas Eve. I think it's a fair trade off for a job well done, especially when you see the look on the faces of those that you've performed for."

Honor guard Airmen often have a sense of honor because of the solemnity of the work they perform.

"I don't think there is a better way to show respect than military funeral honors," Sergeant Vause said. "You as (an honor guard) get to be part of this family's last memory of their loved one. You're paying homage to their military career, something that they obviously were passionate about. You can't fathom how rewarding it is to know that you've carried the casket, folded the flag, fired three volleys, played Taps and honored a fellow Airman."



Members of Davis-Monthan's Honor Guard practice presenting the colors.

X-Planes

Taking a closer look at various aircraft

By Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

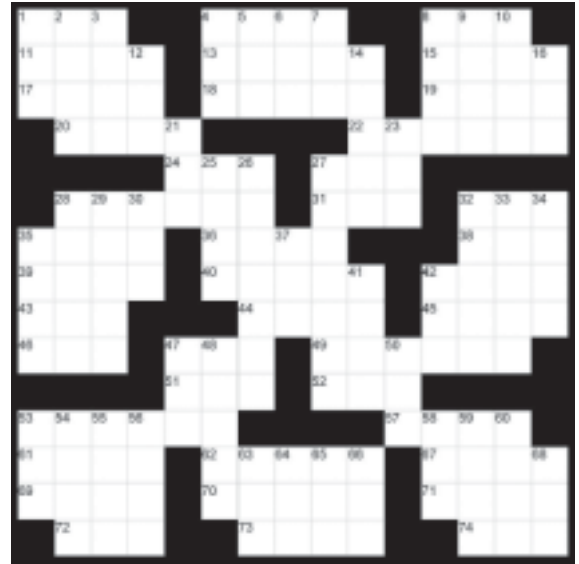
Across

1. Fed. cryptology org.
4. RQ-3A ___ Star
8. MCI competitor
11. Drills
13. Hurt
15. Disturbances
17. Southwest monster
18. Actress Sharon
19. Tennis player Kournikova
20. X-25 ___ copter
22. X-35 ___ Wing
24. To the rear of a ship
27. Critical
28. Bravo!
31. Before, poetically
32. Obese
35. Animated
36. Driving crimes, in short
38. ___ Jima
39. Terminates
40. Tantrums

42. Skin mark
43. Exist
44. Ominous
45. Starboard alternative
46. Norse god of war
47. In debt
49. Assignment
51. Address for male officer
52. Confederate general
53. XF-85
57. Open slightly
61. Opera highlight
62. XP-59 Aira ___
67. Epochs
69. Mil. travel org.
70. Swashbuckling Flynn
71. Scarlett's home
72. Mil. pay statement
73. Actress Gershon
74. Wager

Down

1. Bother
2. Take a drink
3. Partner
4. ___ Boot
5. Dramatize
6. Greek letter
7. Barbie's pal
8. Gone
9. Nobel Prize writer Morrison
10. Southern state, in brief
12. Recovery of downed airman, in brief
14. Delay
16. Droop
21. Paddle
23. Detergent
25. Craze
26. XF-91 ___ ceptor
27. XV-6A
28. XH-20 Little ___
29. Command
30. USAF commissioning source
32. YRF-84F
33. Confer, as a prize
34. Felony
35. ___ moss; fertilizer
37. 3 to Caesar
41. USAF aircrew survival school
42. Resort



(The solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 26.)

47. USAF crime investigation org.
48. Grimace
50. Actor Stephen
53. Fuel
54. Vocal
55. Chomp
56. SE Asia country
58. X-13 Verti ___
59. Middle East denizen
60. Scarce
63. URL ender
64. Medical scan, in brief
65. Long time
66. Mil. pay during PCS
68. Took a seat

Out in Front

Airman helps squadron by creating new PT program

Story and photos by Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

When Airman 1st Class Keith Schindler, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics planner, noticed a problem in his squadron, he did what the Air Force trains their Airmen to do; he stepped up and worked to create a solution.

"Currently we have some people who are on profile and waivers (who) are not able to participate in the scheduled squadron (physical training) sessions," said Staff Sgt. Nicole Velsor, 355th LRS and Airman Schindler's supervisor.

It was this group of people who gave Airman Schindler pause.

"I've been leading PT sessions for eight months now and I have noticed that Airmen who are on waivers tend to stay on them," Airman Schindler said. "Or if they

don't stay on them, they lose aerobic capacity while they are on them making it much harder to participate in squadron PT sessions and PT testing when they have rehabilitated."

So, Airman Schindler decided to create a PT session designed specifically for the Airmen on waivers to help them get Fit to Fight.

"The D-M community benefits from physical exercise and unit cohesiveness," Airman Schindler said. "When several members of a PT formation are not participating in the activities, it promotes dissension and non-participation from other attendees. This program helps give those on waivers a chance to get away from the group and to participate in exercises that are catered to their needs and abilities."

The PT program, fondly referred to as Hydro-PT by some members of

the 355th LRS, takes place Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the base indoor pool. The exercises performed during each session were taken from recommendations by the 355th Medical Group.

"Staff Sgt. Michelle Webster (355th Medical Operations Squadron) was a major contributor," Airman Schindler said. "The exercises cater to the needs of the participants based on their injuries and conditions."

Airman Schindler says he likes the program because it enables those with injuries to continue to maintain their aerobic and anaerobic fitness level while improving the condition that prevents their participation in regular unit PT sessions.

"Most Airmen on waivers want to get better but either don't know how or are doing things that make the condition worse such as run-

ning with a back or knee injury," Airman Schindler said. "Water training has been shown to assist athletes in repairing injured areas and develop supporting muscles in areas of weakness. Research is continuing to prove that this type of exercise is beneficial in many ways to improve function in all muscle groups and cardiovascular systems."



The indoor pool offers the Davis-Monthan community a variety of equipment to help them get Fit to Fight.

While Airman Schindler hopes his program will gain popularity, his chain of command is just pleased with his initiative.

"I am impressed with his aggressiveness and constant motivation to improve our squadron PT program," Sergeant Velsor said. "It shows esprit de corps, pride and compassion for those who, due to physical disabilities, cannot perform squadron physical fitness. His benchmarking idea again proves LRS is 'Out in Front'."



Top: Senior Airman James Golder and Airman 1st Class Pam Relyea, both with the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, participate in an exercise during the LRS's Hydro-PT session at D-M's indoor pool.

Left: Airman 1st Class Keith Schindler, 355th LRS, demonstrates a low impact exercise for Airmen during his Hydro-PT session.

Sports Shorts

Weight Loss Challenge

D-M's Health and Wellness Center's Weight Loss Challenge kicks off Monday and will run through Oct. 31. The exercise sessions will be conducted by the Base Fitness Program Manager, Cesar Vinueza, at the Fitness and Sports Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 a.m. Optional nutrition sessions will be offered and prizes will be awarded to all participants, teams and individuals that lose the most weight during the three-month period. Active duty members have first priority. Family members, retirees, reservists and government employees are also welcome on a space available basis. To sign up, send an e-mail to cesar.vinueza@dm.af.mil or call 228-5003.

AMARC's Night at the Park

The Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center hosts a night at Tucson Electric Park Tuesday for the Tucson Sidewinder's game against the New Orleans Zephyrs. The game starts at 7 p.m. and

tickets cost \$2. AMARC will keep \$1 for each ticket sold and receives an additional 25 cents for each ticket used. There will also be a 50/50 raffle during the game if AMARC is able to sell 500 tickets. Contact Judy Rogers at 228-8234 or Roze Harper at 228-8567 for tickets.

Men's Soccer Team try-outs

All male active-duty personnel, reservists, guard and military dependents 18 years of age and older are invited to attend open try-outs for the 2005-2006 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Men's Soccer Team. Try-outs are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. on the football field behind the Auto Hobby Shop. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Jason Bowersock at 228-4849 or Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Carpenter at 228-0006.

D-M to LA Coliseum

The D-M to L.A. Coliseum Race is an incentive program designed to encourage the use of cardio equipment. The race course covers 500 miles from the D-M Fitness and Sports Center to the L.A. Coliseum. The program runs for three months. Participants need to sign up at the

fitness center and will record their actual mileage from workouts on stationary bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, stair climbers, tracks and more. Upon completion of the program, all participants who accumulate enough mileage to reach the L.A. Coliseum in the allotted time will receive a certificate and race t-shirt. For more information, call 228-0022.

Golf League seeks players

The Lady Niners is a nine hole golf league that meets to play golf every Wednesday morning. All skill levels are welcome. Those interested in joining the league should attend the Lady Niners registration social Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Eagles Nest restaurant at Blanchard Golf Course. For more information, call Mary Pat Sullivan at 749-4812 or Maralee Wetzel at 790-8377.

Yoga Classes

After a short break, the Haeffner Fitness Center once again offers Yoga classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost of each class is \$2. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats but the fitness center will supply

some for those who do not have their own. For more information, call 228-3714.

2005 Football Frenzy

The first Football Frenzy game of 2005 kicks off at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Sept. 8. Football fans can look forward to another season of Monday Night Football games along with prizes, games, discounted food and beverages and more. Some lucky D-M fans may even win one of three grand prize trips for two. Trips include entry into a football game, airline tickets, rental car and hotel accommodations. Chances of winning increase with every game attended. D-M Football Frenzy at the Desert Oasis is open to all ranks and is a club member's only promotion. To get in on this year's Football Frenzy fun and prizes, stop by the Desert Oasis or Mirage and ask about club membership. Look for future Football Frenzy news and ads, including prize information, game dates and more in upcoming issues of the **Desert Airman**, Services Activities Magazine and the Services Web site at www.dmservicesonline.com. For more information, call 228-3100.

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services, Sunday School programs, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, youth groups, and ministries, call 228-5411.

Schedule change

Effective Aug. 7, the Protestant worship schedule at the Base Chapel will change. The Traditional Service will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Hope Chapel and the Contemporary Service will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Desert Dove Chapel. This is the first major change for both services in more than 20 years.

This Sunday, they will feature a Combined Protestant Worship Service. The three Protestant Parishes will meet together for worship and a fellowship lunch in the Desert Dove Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

Worship schedule

Catholic

◆ The First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

On-base Bookstore to open

The University of Arizona Bookstore that handles the book requirements for all on base schools will be available Aug. 5 through 19 for students enrolled in the on-base Term IV. The bookstore is located in Building 3200, Room 264 and will be open Monday through Thursday during those dates from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 5 the Bookstore will be open from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Aug. 12 it will be closed and Aug. 19 it will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Bookstore after Aug. 5 at 228-1160.

DPT Program

The Air Force is accepting applications for the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program. Eligibility is open to all active duty personnel who have a Baccalaureate Degree and are medically qualified for world-wide duty. The minimum Graduate Record Exam Score is 1,000 with 450 in the verbal portion. Applicants also need 100 hours of voluntary service in direct patient care in a physical therapy function and an overall grade point average of 3.1 or higher in degree program and in the required prerequisites: anatomy with lab, physiology/biology with lab, physics with lab, chemistry with lab, developmental psychology, psychology, social science and statistics. The application deadline is Nov. 25. To get an application, call DSN 665-2775.

Fall semester to begin at PCC

The fall semester at Pima Community College begins Aug. 24. Textbooks will be available on base between Aug. 5 and 19. The payment deadline is August 5. Students should bring in

their Tuition Assistance or payment by that date. To pick up a schedule, visit Building 3200, Room 224. For more information regarding PCC, call 206-4866.

Physician Assistant Program

The Air Force will begin taking applications for Physician Assistant (Phase I) Training classes that begin in January, April and August 2007 starting Oct. 1. Only active duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program. The selection board is scheduled to convene March 21. Those interested should submit applications no later than Jan. 27. Completed applications must be sent by the Military Personnel Flight to HQ AFPC/DPAMW. The point of contact, Raymond Whitehurst, can be reached at DSN 665-2775 or commercial at (210) 565-2775. For more information regarding the program or the application procedures, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAapplication.htm.

Education survey

The Base Training and Education Services Education Survey is on-line and can be accessed through the D-M Intranet for on-base students at <https://355mss/Surveys.htm>. Off-base students that use the Internet can access the survey at www.dm.af.mil/educate. Make sure to click on submit when the survey is completed. The point of contact for the survey, Norma White, can be reached at 228-4249.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class is mandatory for all Airmen separating or retiring from the Air Force. The next class takes place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and Aug. 9 from 9 to 10 a.m. The class will acquaint departing Airmen with the services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Smooth Move

The Family Support Center conducts a Smooth Move briefing Wednesday from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in Building 3210. This briefing helps individuals prepare for their next Permanent Change of Station assignment. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Résumé, Interview Workshops

These workshops are Aug. 5 at the Family Support Center and will cover the basic information to help individuals prepare for their next job. The Résumé Workshop will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop will be from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Aug. 9 from

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 until 2:30 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Military Kid University

Davis-Monthan hosts Military Kid University Aug. 6 at Hope Chapel from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This program allows military dependents ages 6 to 10 years to enhance their skills in a variety of areas including learning coping skills for deployments, kid-related health information, saying no to drugs, keeping anger in check, staying safe, self defense and more. The event will include activities, a snack and lunch. Children will also receive a t-shirt and certificate. For more information, or to register, call Family Advocacy at 228-2104.

TREA open forum

The Retired Enlisted Association Chapter 91 hosts an open forum with Congressman Jim Kolbe Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. The forum will take place at Inn Suite, located at 475 N. Granada Ave. in Tucson. Congressman Kolbe is scheduled to speak on issues concerning military retirement, Medicare, Social Security and the war in Iraq. The entire Davis-Monthan community is invited to attend this event. For more information regarding this event, or for more information regarding TREA, call Larry Gurley, TREA Chapter 91 president, at 520-886-7022.

School, sports physicals

With school just around the corner, the 355th Medical Group offers limited school/sports physicals during regular clinic hours through September 2005. In addition, school physicals will also be available Aug. 20 by appointment only. Sports physicals are for healthy children only. There will be no medication refills and referrals will not be discussed. If a child has any chronic health issues, a separate appointment should be scheduled during regular clinic hours. It is important to go to the immunization clinic during the week prior to the appointment to ensure the child's immunizations are current. Parents should bring a copy of the immunization record to the appointment. To schedule a physical, call 228-2778.

Reduced Prices at ITT

Information, Tickets and Tours is now offering Disneyland tickets at a special reduced rate. For more information, or to get an updated price list, call ITT at 228-3700 or visit the services Web site at www.dmservicesonline.com. In addition to Disneyland tickets, ITT also has tickets available for California Adventure, Universal Studios and many other California and Florida theme parks and attractions. Customers can also purchase tickets of Tucson area attractions. Seaworld is currently offering free tickets to active-duty members and up to three direct dependents. For more information on the Seaworld Special, visit www.herosalute.com. For more information regarding any of the specials offered by ITT, visit them in Building 4430, or call ITT at 228-3700.

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

National Kid's Day

All families from the Davis-Monthan community are invited to the Desert Lightning Community Center Aug. 7 to celebrate National Kid's Day. The center has set aside a special day for the kid's with family Bingo games, an ice cream social, prizes and more. The Bingo fun begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m. During intermission, everyone can create their own ice cream sundae with a variety of toppings. Prizes will be awarded during the Bingo games. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Seating is on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, call 228-3500.

Teen Hip-Hop Class

The Youth Center offers a Teen Hip-Hop Dance class Aug. 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center Ballroom. The class covers dance fundamentals and basic dance moves. Throughout the process, teens will learn how to design their own unique dance routines. Come out and try this free new class and learn some Hip-Hop steps. For more information, call 228-8373.

Family Fun Night

The D-M community is invited to the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Aug. 17 for a night of food, drinks and a family feature movie on the big screen. The cost for adults is \$7.50, for children 6 to 11 years is \$4.50 and free for children under 5 years. Those who are interested should call 228-3100 for reservations before Aug. 12.

Fishin' For Membership

Bring a friend or co-worker to The Mirage Officers' Club or Desert Oasis Enlisted Club and, if they sign up for membership, the current member gets entered for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate from the Army and Air Force Exchange Services. Chances multiply with each new member signed up. In addition, both the current and new member will instantly win Sunday Brunch for two at the club, a \$33 value. For more information, call the Desert Oasis at 228-3100 or The Mirage at 228-3301.

Children's Summer Program

The Arts and Crafts Center offers daily craft classes Tuesday through Friday for children ages 5 to 13 years from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Crafts include planters, wreaths, sand castles, picture frames and more. Schedules are available at the Arts and Crafts Center. Reservations are recommended. Each class costs \$4.50 and include all supplies needed. For more information, call 228-4385.

Pima County Detention Center tour

Teens will travel to the Pima County Detention Center Aug. 25 to tour the facility, including an empty cell pod, and learn how a detention center operates. The tour departs from the Youth Center at 7 p.m. and returns around 9 p.m.



Photo by Chris Sweeney

Caregivers from Davis-Monthan's Child Development Centers take a group of pre-toddlers, ages 1 to 2 years, out in buggies for a stroll. Each week, the pre-toddlers get to go on a walk to various places on base.

Openings at CDCs

The Davis-Monthan Child Development Centers currently have openings for pre-toddlers ages 1 to 2 years, toddlers ages 2 to 3 years and preschool children ages 3 to 5. The CDCs are nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young

Children. The centers focus on developmentally appropriate practices and promote cognitive, physical, social and emotional development for each child. Fees are on a sliding scale, based on total family income. For more information regarding the CDCs and the current openings, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

Permission slips are required and space is limited. For more information, call Kathy Sands at 228-8373.

Power Hour is back

The Youth Center's Power Hour Afterschool Program returns to D-M for another year. The Power Hour program is designed to reinforce and enhance the skills and knowledge young people learn at school through "high-yield" learning activities at the Youth Center and in their homes. Activities include leisure reading, writing activities, homework help and games to help develop cognitive skills. Power Hour emphasizes collaboration between Youth Programs staff, parents and school personnel. The program has been proven to boost the academic performance of participants. Power Hour is sponsored by the JCPenney Afterschool Fund. The Power Hour Program starts in September. School Age sessions are Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Open Recreation session are Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Open Recreation sessions will cost \$12 per month. For more information, or to sign up a child, stop by the Youth Center or call 228-8844.

Car And Motorcycle Show

The D-M community can now register for the Auto Hobby Shop's second annual Car And Motorcycle Show. The show will take place Oct. 29 at Bama Park and will feature 21 classes of vehicles including cars, trucks and motorcycles. Trophies will be given for best in each class and for best of show in three categories.

Registration forms are available at the Auto Hobby Shop or online at www.dmservicesonline.com. Completed and signed entry forms must be brought in or mailed to the D-M Auto Hobby Shop. For more information, visit the above Web site, stop by the Auto Hobby Shop in Building 4531 or call 228-3614 or 228-4930.

Lunch at The Mirage

D-M personnel and their families are invited to the newly renovated Mirage Officers' Club for an all ranks lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Customers can choose from daily buffets including a pasta station Thursday and the fried and baked catfish buffet Friday. Buffets include main entrees, a variety of side dishes, soup and salad bar, fruit, dessert and beverages. The cost for the buffet is \$7.85 and club members receive a \$2 discount plus they can use a Services Buck. If a full buffet is too much, the club also offers a soup and salad bar for \$6.75. Again, members receive a \$2 discount and are welcome to use a Services Buck. Patrons are encouraged to get their Members First "Lunch Bunch" card punched each time they visit and their sixth lunch is free.

In addition to the lunch buffet, every Sunday The Mirage offers a Champagne Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals can enjoy a selection of breakfast and lunch dishes. The cost is \$12.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children ages 6 to 12 years and \$2 for children under 5 years. Club members and their dependents will receive \$2 discount. For more information, call The Mirage at 228-3301.



